

You Betcha! There Will be Yule Gifts for All Youngsters

One look at the shops these days is sufficient to convince the pessimist that this Christmas is going to be different, if not entirely glum—as far as the customary showering of gifts on children is concerned.

The supply of electric trains, velocipedes, lead soldiers and rubber balls, dwindling from day to day, will be gone long before the holidays.

New skates and scooters, sleds and other metal playthings are already gone from public view. And as for rubber toys and rubber-wheeled vehicles of every description, fond parents are learning that they, too, were expendable.

What does that leave for the poor little tyke who has learned to interpret Christmas as the time when he may ask and expect to receive his very heart's desire complete with wheels, brakes, whistles and bells?

The answer is, "Plenty!" There are still some wooden toys of infinite variety left. Airplane models a fellow can put together himself, learning, meanwhile, the mysteries of struts and props and ailerons. Everything from Taylor Cub trainers to P-40's, Tanks, submarines and whole arsenals of guns, Bombers, battleships and uniform galore. Red Cross outfits for embryo doctors and nurses, ambulance units and even wounded patients for little girls to practice splints on.

Too many warlike playthings to please mothers, but never enough to please small boys. Colored maps and charts of a new world in the making, so conquest may be followed and current events learned at play. Plenty of books and plenty of dolls.

Except perhaps for these spoiled rascals who will always cry for the moon with a gold string around it, children won't suffer in this war year because Santa Claus couldn't find the gifts to please them.

The war has backed-out the

Engineer Urges Condemnation Of 3 Quake-Raddled Buildings

After more than a year, the earthquake damaged firewall at the fire department garage has been repaired at a cost of \$125 but the structural damage to the central fire station itself is still the way it was after the building was severely shaken by the Nov. 14, 1941 tremor. The council in approving the fire wall improvement Nov. 24 did not mention the work yet to be done on the main building.

The municipal heads also heard a report from City Engineer Glenn Jain that three other structures here which have been abandoned since the quake and cannot be repaired because of priority restrictions on building material should be formally condemned to safe-guard pedestrians.

He said the front wall of the old Ford garage, formerly occupied by Schultz & Peckham at Cabrillo and Gramercy aves., was leaning badly, the building at the intersection of Carson st., and Gramercy ave., was a menace to the public and the old Tolson garage at Border and 213th sts., was very dangerous and the worst of the three structures.

Altho there was considerable discussion, the council took no action beyond asking Jain to contact the owner of the Ford garage, the California Bank, again and request action to safeguard pedestrians from danger of a collapse of the front wall.

Trades Baton for Sextant



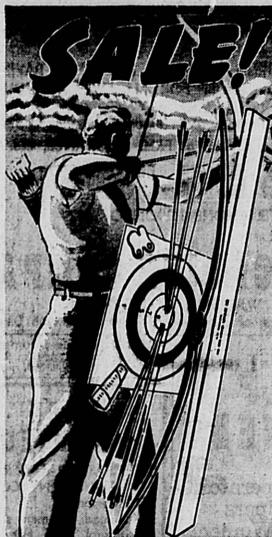
Phil Harris, shown here right after he was sworn into U. S. Merchant Marine as lieutenant (j. g.) is frankly puzzled by the sextant which Lieutenant (j. g.) S. L. Patterson tries to explain to him. Harris entered the service along with 12 members of his band.

brightly lighted front-yard tree, but indoors there will be as much gaiety and light and laughter as ever. There will be carol singing and Christmas joy. There will be family gatherings and whispered prayers for those that war has wrested from the home hearth.

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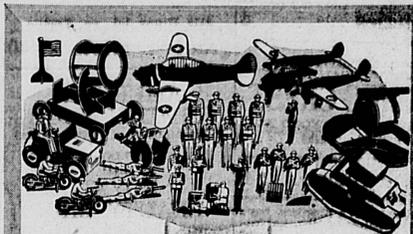
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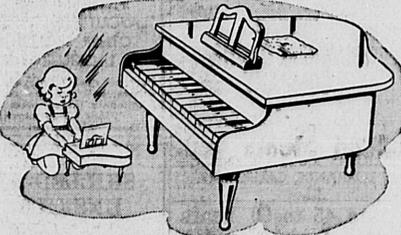
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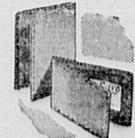
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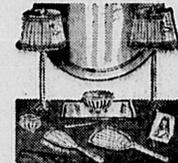


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